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# Gillis takes oath as police chief

By Jennifer Wroblewski  
Staff Writer

A 16-year veteran of Agawam Police Department has been sworn in as chief following the retirement of Chief Robert Campbell last Friday.

Chief Eric P. Gillis, 42, who began his career with Agawam police in 1997 as a patrol officer, was recently unanimously chosen by a selection committee to take over the top spot at the department. He was sworn in Sunday, Jan. 5.

Gillis, who was promoted to lieutenant in June 2007, is a life-long resident of Agawam who said he grew up wanting to be a police officer.

"I was that goofy little kid riding around playing cops and robbers growing up," he said, adding his father was an auxiliary officer for the town so he knew a lot of the officers on the department then. "It's just something I always aspired to."

Throughout his career, Gillis worked up the ranks from patrol officer to sergeant to lieutenant with increasing administrative responsibilities with each position.

Most recently, as lieutenant, he



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**Police Chief Eric Gillis is sworn in by Town Clerk Richard Theroux. At right is Mayor Richard Cohen. At left is Gillis' family, wife Melissa, and children Cameron, 8, and Emily, 10.**

was in charge of all patrol operations and was command of the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift. He was responsible for departmental bud-

get preparation and presentation, policy development and coordination with other public agencies. In addition, Gillis held oversight of

the department's Traffic Enforcement Division, the safety sergeant, D.A.R.E. officers, school resource officer, special police department,

training division, disaster/special response and animal control.

### Stabilization needed

In his new role as chief, Gillis said his immediate concern is stabilizing the department.

"We're looking at a deficit of seven officers," he said. "We recently hired five officers who will begin training at the regional police academy in Springfield in February. Once those officers are trained and on the line, we will still have two positions to fill."

With more officers available for patrol, Gillis said he will be able to determine how to best allocate the department's manpower and what the best use of resources will be.

"Obviously we have had some retirements, and two officers left for Massachusetts State Police," he explained. "When you have only 51 sworn officers, those things add up very quickly."

As a result, Gillis said he is starting his tenure as chief in a "needs phase" as opposed to a "wants phase," during which he'll work toward fulfilling the department's needs.

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## Sworn in to serve

*Newly elected officials ready to tackle business*

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
Turley Publications  
Correspondent

AGAWAM – Carmino Mineo has been participating in campaigns since he was a teenager.

But it was a proud day for him and his father, City Councilor Joseph Mineo, to be on opposite sides of the stage taking their oaths of office at Sunday's ceremonial swearing in of elected officials at Roberta Doering School.

Mineo was one of two newly elected officials, one on the school committee and the other on the city council. Carmino Mineo

will hold a seat on the Agawam School Committee for the next two years.

School committee members, city councilors, the mayor, and new police chief also took their oaths Jan. 5.

Among the elected officials sworn in to serve were longtime School Committeewoman Roberta Doering, who took the oath for her 23rd term. She has been on the school committee since 1969 and, according to Town Clerk Richard Theroux, is the current longest-standing elected official in town.

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**Mayor Richard A. Cohen is sworn in by Town Clerk Richard Theroux. Standing with the mayor is his brother, Alan Cohen.**

## Preschoolers in 'dire' need of new facility

By Mike Lydick  
Turley Publications  
Correspondent

Agawam's Early Childhood Center (ECC) requires a larger and more up-to-date facility. An outdated building and overcrowded classrooms have made this one of the district's top priorities.

One possible solution to address the urgent needs of the town's preschoolers was moving the Perry Lane facility to the high school when it was replaced with a new one. But that is no longer an option with recent confirmation that Agawam is ineligible for a grant to help fund construction of a new high school.

For the third year in a row, Agawam's application for financial assistance to replace the current high school has been turned down. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) officially notified Agawam officials last month that the town isn't among districts eligible for a new school building construction grant for fiscal year 2013.

In a letter to Superintendent William Sapelli, MSBA Executive Director John K. McCarthy said the quasi-independent government authority had reviewed 201 statements of interest (SOI) for FY2013 from 117 different school districts.

Based on that assessment it



Turley Publications photo by Mike Lydick

**The Agawam Early Childhood Center is in dire need of replacement because of an outdated building and overcrowded classrooms.**

identified school facilities that "have the greatest and most urgent need." The MSBA determined that the Agawam High School SOI will not be considered for a school construction grant.

### 'We're getting the message'

"Three years of being put down by MSBA – obviously we're getting the message that they don't think we qualify," said Sapelli.

The news from the MSBA was not unexpected. Sapelli and Mayor Richard A. Cohen, who chairs the school committee, indicated this summer that they expected the town's application – the first step

in a long process to construct a new building – would be rejected.

"This is the third year in a row that we've applied for a new construction – a new building – and we were rejected based on the tour the [MSBA] committee took," Sapelli told the school committee at its December meeting where he shared the MSBA letter.

"At this point we will probably be looking at renovations instead of applying for a fourth year for a

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## Flu vaccine available

The Agawam Health Department still has flu vaccine available. Increased flu activity has been reported in recent weeks in Massachusetts, with cases seen in Agawam. According to the health department, peak flu season is February and that is only weeks away.

To schedule an appointment, call 786-0400 ext. 8722.

## Coin club meeting scheduled

WEST SPRINGFIELD – The West Springfield Coin Club will meet Sunday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St.

A video will be shown about error coins. A small auction will take place and refreshments will be available. Guests are welcome.

For more information, contact Peter Setian at 596-9871.

## Fundraiser to benefit AHS hockey

Crestview Country Club in Agawam will host a wine-tasting fundraiser Friday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m., with all proceeds to benefit the Agawam Hockey School hockey team. Sponsored by Crestview and Berellis's Skate Shop, located at 726

Main St. in West Springfield, the night's events will include wine tasting, hors d'oeuvre and music.

For tickets, which are \$20 per person, call Chris Kierkla at 575-5728 or Debbie Passerini at 537-8442.

# WHERE IS IT?

Each week *Agawam Advertiser News* will feature a photo of a local building, item, sign, place or landmark and ask readers to pick their brains to figure out where it is or even what it is. Check here each week to test your knowledge of the area where we live and work. The photo will be from either Agawam or Feeding Hills, but we'll always give you a hint or two.

The answer to this week's "Where is it?" will run in next week's edition along with the name of the first person to submit a correct answer and a new trivia photo for you to consider.

E-mail answers or future Where Is It? suggestions to editor Jennifer Wroblewski at [jwroblewski@turley.com](mailto:jwroblewski@turley.com).



Turley Publications photo by Kimberly Hatch

**That's not the historic red barn at School Street Park; it's somebody's mailbox covered in snow. Tell us, do you know where it is?**



**Last week's photo: Bethany Assembly of God on Main Street in Agawam.**



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# 'Baby, it's cold outside'

**REGION** – It's no secret – it's been pretty cold outside these last few days. In order to help residents better prepare for winter storms and extremely cold weather, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has available on its website ([www.ready.gov/winter-weather](http://www.ready.gov/winter-weather)) tips on ways to best prepare for severe winter weather.

Links available include what to do before, during and after a storm and more.

Given that Agawam has already seen significant snowfall this winter, we thought it important to provide *Agawam Advertiser News* readers with these winter storm tips from FEMA.

### During Winter Storms and Extreme Cold

- Stay indoors during the storm.
- Walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. Overexertion can bring on a heart attack—a major cause of death in the winter. If you must shovel snow, stretch before going outside.
- Keep dry. Change wet clothing frequently to prevent a loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.
- Watch for signs of frostbite. These include loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia. These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms of hypothermia are detected, get the victim to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious. Get medical help as soon as possible.
- Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive: travel in the day; don't travel alone; keep others informed of your schedule; stay on main roads and avoid back road shortcuts.
- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
- If the pipes freeze, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
- Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.
- Conserve fuel, if necessary, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55°F.

# Placing honor on headstones

### *Wreaths laid at gravesites of veterans*

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
*Turley Publications Correspondent*

AGAWAM – In advance of the “Wreaths Across America” event held all over the country, 17 wreaths were set up by members of a retired military group on Dec. 11.

Chief Master Sgt. Vincent Viglione, Retired, and Chief Master Sgt. Mike Major, Retired, led the 439th Retired Aircraft Maintainers to the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam to honor fallen comrades.

Viglione said he wanted to see the wreaths given to the Agawam cemetery to go just a little bit farther.

"They only give the cemetery about 2,000 wreaths," said Viglione. "When they come to the cemetery, they are only able to do a section of the cemetery each year. We thought we would come out and honor members of our group that had passed away so more people at the cemetery could have a wreath this year."

Majors arranged to have 17 wreaths and brought several members of the Maintainers to the cemetery to place them.

The Maintainers meet for lunch at Westover Air Reserve Base at least once a month. Viglione leads the group, and traveled from his home in Belchertown to lead the wreath-laying.

He said there are 111 retired maintainers on the "Final Flight" list. The list is a completion of members of the maintainers that have died over the years. Seventeen members of the list are buried at the Veterans Cemetery while the rest are buried in other cemeteries, likely with their families, Viglione said.

He said the wreaths are the group's way of giving back to those who served with them.

"Whenever we have the opportunity to give back, we like to do that," said Viglione. "The Air Force is a family and we stress teamwork."

It took teamwork to get all the wreaths



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**Master Sgt. Harry Hebert, Retired, Master Sgt. Al Friguglietti, Retired, and Chief Master Sgt. Kathy Wood, Retired, place a wreath at the grave of a fallen comrade on Dec. 11 at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. The trio is part of the 439th Aircraft Maintainers based at Westover Air Reserve Base.**

placed throughout the cemetery. More than 15 veterans in the Maintainers group spent about 30 minutes in below-freezing temperatures with the wind blowing to place the wreaths.

After the wreath-laying, the Agawam Senior Center hosted the veterans for coffee and doughnuts.

Majors recalled organizing the event and said he did it to pay tribute to those he served with. Majors said he spent more than half of his life working at the base.

"We went to war with these people," said Viglione. Many veterans of the 439th served during the Vietnam War, Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom. The Maintainers were de-

ployed to Iraq and provided support to the Air Force during the Iraq operations.

Vigilone says that he is hoping that the tradition will continue in future years and his group will make the wreath-laying a regular tradition. Any members of the Final Flight list that are buried at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam will have wreaths placed at their headstones at Christmas time.

The Maintainers praised the computer system at the cemetery, saying how easy it is to look up the names and locations of those that are buried there.

On Dec. 14, more than 400 volunteers, including individuals, town officials, and scout groups placed wreaths at the cemetery.

## Pan-Mass Challenge registration opens Jan. 15

NEEDHAM –Registration for the 35th annual Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) opens Jan. 15. PMC weekend, set for Aug. 2 and 3, will raise money to support adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through the Jimmy Fund.

The PMC is the most successful athletic fundraising event in the nation, raising more money for charity than any other single event. In 2013, the PMC generated more than 50 percent of the Jimmy Fund's annual revenue and was Dana-Farber's largest single contributor.

This year, more than 5,500 cyclists will ride to raise \$40 million and bring the PMC's 35-year Jimmy Fund contribution to \$454 million. The PMC contributes 100 percent of every rider-raised dollar directly to the Jimmy Fund.

The PMC is a fully-supported bike-athon that takes cyclists through 46 cities and towns across the Commonwealth. Cyclists come from 38 states and five countries representing riders of various cycling experience levels, cancer survivors and current cancer patients, ages 13 to over 80. The 35th annual event will offer 13 routes that range

from 25 to 190 miles over one or two days. Fundraising minimums range from \$500 to \$4,300.

Known as “seed money,” PMC funds enable clinicians and scientists to pursue innovative research that is not yet eligible for government or industry funding. PMC money could be funding the next cures for cancer.

For more information about the PMC, or to register to ride, visit [pmc.org](http://pmc.org). Like the Pan-Mass Challenge on Facebook or follow the annual bike-a-thon on Twitter, @Pan-MassChallenge.

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# Opinion

## Don't leave furry friends in the cold

While Mother Nature has surely been wishy-washy with the weather this winter, its imperative we don't forget about our four-legged furry friends when it comes to their seasonal needs.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) has offered tips to help pet owners ensure they are being responsible caregivers during these wonky winter months in New England.

First, do not leave your pet outdoors when temperatures drop below freezing. You wouldn't want to be out there - why would the dog?

They need outdoor exercise, but take care not to keep them outdoors for lengthy periods of time during very cold weather. Pets that are mostly indoors need time to adapt to cold temperatures by building up a thicker coat and toughening their footpads for ice and snow.

Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.

We shod our feet in thick winter boots that are weather and waterproof to prevent frostbite and the same goes for our pet; we need to care for their feet, too. If your pet walks on salted or chemically treated areas, be sure to wash its paws after your walk. Gently rub the bottom of the feet to remove these irritants as soon as your dog is off the road.

Many dogs need boots in cold weather, regardless of their coat length. If your dog frequently lifts up its paws, whines or stops during walks, it may be demonstrating its feet are uncomfortably cold.

Wind-chill is also a threat to pets, even those protected by shelters. Outdoor dogs must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow it to both sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to retain body heat.

The floor should be elevated a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The entrance of the doghouse should be turned to face away from prevailing winds, and the entrance should be covered with a flap of heavy waterproof fabric or heavy plastic.

Though do remember the best place for



them is really inside, enjoying the warmth of the house.

And, just like the hot summer months, never leave a pet locked inside a car during extremely cold weather. Cars can actually act like a refrigerator, holding in cold air, putting your pet at risk.

Also, be leery of frozen bodies of water. Always keep pets on a leash when walking near suspected frozen bodies of water like lakes or ponds. The ice may not be sturdy enough to support its weight. If a pet falls through the ice, do not attempt to rescue it yourself; call 911 or go for help.

Other big dangers of the winter months are antifreeze and de-icing chemicals, which can be extremely hazardous. Many types of antifreeze have a sweet taste that can attract animals, but if they ingest the chemical it may prove to be fatal. Always store anti-

freeze out of reach and clean up spills.

Finally, be sure to make sure there are no animals seeking warmth and shelter inside your car engine. Warm automobile engines are dangerous for cats and small wildlife.

Parked vehicles can attract small animals, which may crawl under the hood to seek warmth. To avoid injuring hiding animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them off before starting your engine.

## Letter to the Editor

### Fundraiser supports scholarship, keeps memory alive

**To the editor:**

On behalf of the Litz family and all the members of the Brian Litz Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee, we would like to thank everyone who came out Saturday, Dec. 28 for the seventh Annual Brian Litz Alumni Game.

The night was a huge success, and after all the donations were counted, we raised over \$2,300 for the scholarship fund. We would like to thank all the volunteers who donated their time for this worthy cause, especially Arden D'Amours, Christine Lockwood, Scott and Cindy Litz, Alexis Vecchiarelli, Kassie Pepper, Ashley Lockwood, Megan Cecchi, Morgan Lockwood, Scott Milliken, Keith Josephson, Matt Lockwood, the Federico Family, Mary Lockwood, Sue Comee, Mikey Vecchiarelli, the Agawam Police, Dave Vecchiarelli, Morgan Lockwood, and Kyle Barsolou.

We would also like to thank the alumni players and the current JV and varsity teams for playing in the game and keeping the fans entertained. A very special thanks goes out to Coach Nolan Chamberland for coaching the alumni team and entertaining everyone in attendance.

The Brian Litz Memorial Scholarship is given out to a senior boys basketball player that the team votes for that best represents what Brian Litz stood for - hard work, being a great teammate, and keeping a positive attitude. Brian was a true hero that was tragically killed in the line of duty and we thank the Litz Family for allowing us to remember Brian in this way and keeping his memory alive.

I sincerely thank all of you once again and look forward to the eighth Annual Alumni Game next winter.

**Tim Lockwood**  
Founder, Brian Litz Memorial Scholarship Fund

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# The incredible Judge Walsh

The AHS yearbook in 1937 was named *Chronicles 1937*. The cover is purple and silver, the class colors. If you go to the lower level of the town library, you can borrow one and learn that the class president was Lino (John) Schinelli, the Turk Bruno of 1937 and the father of Velveteen Judy Serra. Lino was awarded a medal by the Western Massachusetts Sports Writers' Association for being the second most valuable player in Western Mass. during the 1936 season.

Other '37s were Abbie Abrams, sister of Gen. Creighton Abrams; Agnes (Swanson) Howard, class vice-president; Esther DePalma, daughter of the town school bus company family; David Blackburn; Ruth (Kerr) Roberts and her husband Woodrow; Walter Kerr, later our state rep; Lawrence Scherpa; Domit Shaer; George Webster and William Walsh.

William Walsh was born Nov. 20, 1919. He went to Danahy School for six years and then spent the next six years at the Main Street School, which was both the junior and the senior high schools in the '30s. In his senior year "Billy" was pretty busy. He was on the student council, in the senior play, in the operetta, on the basketball team, on the baseball team and was the editor of the *Agawam Mirror*. In the class ballot, William was his

classmates' first choice for Wittiest Boy and second choice for Smartest Boy, Boy Most Likely To Succeed and Best Actor.

Bill tried some football at AHS, but when he got hit pretty hard trying to tackle a runner, Harmon Smith suggested that maybe he should stick to basketball and baseball. Bill did that, playing both at Mass State (now UMass Amherst). In his senior year, he was captain of the basketball team.

After college, Bill enlisted in the Navy. He graduated from Officers Training School and served as a lieutenant in the Aleutian Islands until the war ended in 1945. Back home, he worked for the town until he began law school at Boston University in September 1946. He started his own practice in 1949, which he continued until 1963 when he was appointed to be a judge in the Springfield District Court. Judge Walsh retired from the court in 1987, but continued working five more years for a Springfield law firm.

Many times I have shown sports pictures to players in the picture asking them to iden-

tify the other players. Very seldom (better, hardly ever) do they know everyone. Two years ago I showed Judge Walsh a picture of the 1938 basketball team. He knew both names of every player. That's very unusual, especially since he was in college and not even on the team. He was 91 when I showed him the picture.

Judge Walsh is more amazing in golf. He has been for nearly 20 years what golfers call an age shooter - a golfer who scores less than or equal to his age. When Bill was 74 he shot a 74. What percent of golfers have ever shot a 74? How old were they when they did? This past golf season he shot a 42 for nine holes. Absolutely incredible.

Judge Walsh's wife Rosalie is one of Agawam's original "Soccer Moms" and one of the nicest persons you could ever meet. She and Bill raised nine children, all of whom went to AHS. William, Jr. '70, Moira '71, Nancy '73, Michael '74, Caroline '76, Katherine '79, Barbara '83, Mary '83 and Tina '87. There are 20 Walsh grandchildren and one great-granddaughter named Indigo.



William Walsh

When asked about Judge Judy, Judge Walsh said her shows were similar to his cases in small claims court. One thing is for sure, Judge Judy won't be beating Judge Walsh in golf.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.

## Soul food in demand in winter

I heard a quote this week: "What is rare is precious." And although the context of the program I was watching was about decluttering, it made me think long and hard about the truth of the statement in gardening terms. My flower garden was a riot of color just three months ago. Most days I passed it without so much as a second glance. Now, as it is blanketed in snow I find myself in need of a flower, not a riot, but just one or two to lift my spirits.

Perhaps you too found yourself idling in the florist section of the grocery store this week. Primroses have arrived! In almost every shade of the rainbow, I would have traded a pot of them for anything on my list. Food for the soul, I guess. Primroses will be in good supply now through Easter. They can be grown indoors successfully in filtered sunlight as long as night temperatures are a cool 50 to 60 degrees and day temperatures remain lower than 80 degrees. Many types of primrose make great garden plants; check the label to make sure

the one you purchase is hardy before planting it outdoors. I have had a clump blooming for years now that started out as a potted plant purchased as "soul food" one winter. After enjoying yours indoors, let it harden off a bit before planting it in the ground in late spring; a partly shady spot with moisture retentive soil is best.

Soon enough forced hyacinths and other spring bulbs will also be available at florist shops and garden centers. I am partial to hyacinths because of how wonderful they smell. Some would disagree with me here, citing all sorts of physical reactions to such

a heady scent. Yes it is strong, but purely delightful in my opinion. I might even go as far as to say that hyacinths are "the smell of spring." This fall I purposely saved two bulbs to force in water on my windowsill. I stored them for approximately 12 weeks in a paper bag at 50 to 55 degrees. Now it is time to encourage rooting by positioning the bulb in a forcing glass or vase so that water comes right to its base but does not cover it. I will

keep the bulbs cool and dark for another 2 to 3 weeks, replenishing water as needed. When at least two inches of roots extend into the water, the vase will be brought into the light and voila', flowers will form. Unfortunately, bulbs forced in this manner have little reserves left for repeat bloom but those that are forced in pots can definitely be planted in the garden later on. Simply remove the flower stalks once they are finished blooming, then allow the foliage to yellow and brown. Once the bulbs have dried completely you can store them in onion bags until fall and plant them in the ground as you normally

would.

As I contemplate the New Year, I ponder the rare is precious quote and will plan accordingly in my gardens and elsewhere.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 24 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food, as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to [dfarmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarmer@turley.com) with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

### IN THE GARDEN



ROBERTA MCQUAID  
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## Food resolutions made simple

Okay, so the holidays are over and we are all feeling guilty about our overindulgence of food. Since two of the top five New Year's resolutions are to lose weight and eat healthier, I want to share one of my healthiest meals.

Although most of the recipes that I publish are not considered "diet food," they are dishes that I love and refuse to forfeit. Today's recipe is what I normally eat on a regular basis. It is quick to prepare after a nine-hour workday and it is baked in one pan.

The recipe calls for broccoli, but I have had success with Brussels sprouts, green beans, green or yellow squash, carrots, and several other vegetables. Chicken tenders are used rather than chicken breasts to synchronize the cooking time for both the veggies and the chicken. If chicken breasts are on sale, you may cut them into three long strips about the same size as the tenders to coordinate the cooking time. I have more than one marinade recipe and I honestly never measure any of the ingredients but I have done so here so you don't have to think.

### Chicken and Broccoli

- 3 T. Italian dressing
- 1 T. lemon juice
- 1/4 tsp. oregano
- 1/4 tsp. minced garlic
- 6 chicken tenders
- 1 - 2 T. cooking oil
- 2-3 C. broccoli florets

Combine Italian dressing, lemon juice, oregano, and garlic in a medium bowl. Add

chicken tenders, toss to coat well and set aside. Line a rimmed cookie sheet with aluminum foil. Place a rack on one side of the cookie sheet (see notes). Spray foil and rack with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside. Pour cooking oil on the side without the rack and toss broccoli until well coated. Spread broccoli in a single layer. Bake on bottom rack in a 425 degree oven for 16-20 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Yield: 2 servings.

**NOTES:** You may bake the chicken without a rack,

although I prefer it. I use a rack from my toaster oven because it is the perfect size. I recommend tossing the broccoli halfway through baking. Use just enough cooking oil to coat the broccoli. I do not salt and pepper the chicken since the dressing includes salt and I prefer to season my veggies with salt and pepper after they are cooked and on my plate.

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Ann Macey is the author of 'Ann's Table For Two: Quick and Easy Two Serving Recipes' and a resident of Agawam. Ann always welcomes your questions and comments and you may contact her at: [AnnsTable@gmail.com](mailto:AnnsTable@gmail.com).

### TABLE FOR TWO



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## Support for divorced, separated individuals offered

**SOUTHWICK** - A 13-week support group for divorced and separated individuals will begin Monday, Jan. 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Daily Grind, 568 College Highway, Southwick.

“Rebuilding When Your Relationships Ends” will be facilitated by John O’Connor, Rosemarie Morin and Steve St. Peter and will include guest speakers to help guide participants through this difficult transition.

The registration fee is \$75, which covers class fees. To register, call O’Connor at (413) 348-5637, Morin at (413) 348-7314 or St. Peter at (413) 364-1293. The group will be limited to 12.

## Gillis sworn in as police chief

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**Effective communication**

Another focus of Gillis’ administration will be looking to better communicate with the public via social media sites like Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, and using an updated website to allow residents to file reports online.

“We’re working to create a website or some social media connections that are going to interface better with the way people communicate these days,” said Gillis. “There are a lot of options that are out there.”

Other local police departments have utilized Facebook and Twitter – including Wilbraham, Ludlow, Palmer and Springfield, as well as Massachusetts State Police – to share photos and keep residents apprised of current community events and police activity.



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**Melissa Gillis places the chief’s pin on her husband, new police Chief Eric Gillis.**

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## Sworn in to serve

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Doering’s contributions to the community led to a pause in the ceremonies as she spoke briefly and expressed her gratitude to the community.

“I am very grateful to the voters who continue to enable me to do this,” she said. “The lives of our children are so important. We have to support them as a community.”

Sworn in for his seventh non-consecutive term was Mayor Richard A. Cohen, who was re-elected in November facing no competition on the ballot.

Cohen called for unity among elected officials to move Agawam forward in his remarks.

“I have a hope that this community can work together,” he said. “We need to move past old debates talking about today and tomorrow. I am optimistic that we will remain a strong community.”

Cohen said he will be looking to continue economic development in his next term, including revitalizing the downtown corridor on Springfield Street. One his current endeavors is a mixed-use zone being proposed for the area near the old Games and Lanes building on Walnut Street Ext.

Other priorities include moving forward with the new dog park, paving roads that need it, and building a balanced budget that gives citizens needed services while being mindful of the difficult economic climate.

“We are in an environment that demands that we do more with less,” said Cohen. “That is the goal as we start the budget process very soon.”

Newly elected officials Carmino Mineo (school committee) and Anthony Suffriti (city council) also took the oath of office Sunday.

Mineo won the election in his first bid for a seat. He and his father said it was a great moment being part of the same swearing-in ceremony.

“It’s just very special,” said Joseph Mineo. “I could not be more proud of Carmino. He worked very hard, went door-to-door. He is well-educated and will do a good job.”

Carmino Mineo said he has grown up around politics and community involvement. He is looking forward to helping tackle issues as a member of the school community.

“I grew up in this community and we have a lot of things going on,” said the younger Mineo. “We have a new track we are working on. That’s going to be a big focal point.”

Suffriti won his seat on the city council during his third at-



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**City Councilor Joseph Mineo and his son, newly-elected Agawam School Committee member Carmino Mineo. Both were sworn in Sunday at Roberta Doering School.**

tempt at the office. He ousted incumbent Robert Magovern. He is ambitious and looking forward to contributing to the city government, he said.

“I hope to bring a lot of fresh ideas to the council,” said Suffriti. “I hope to help integrate more technology into the town.”

Since Suffriti is new to the council, he will spend a portion of his time learning the government procedures.

“I definitely have a lot to learn about the process and there will be a learning curve for a while,” he said.

A ceremonial swearing-in was also held for newly-appointed Police Chief Eric Gillis (See story, page 1). He took over for retired Chief Robert Campbell on Jan. 3.



**Town Clerk Richard Theroux, left, administers the oath of office to the Agawam City Councilors (from left) Anthony Suffriti, George Bitzas, Cecilia Calabrese, Gina Letellier, Dennis Perry, Christopher Johnson, James Cichetti, Joseph Mineo, Robert Rossi, Donald Rheault, and Paul Cavallo.**

## Preschoolers in ‘dire’ need of new facility

ECC, from page 1

new building,” said the superintendent.

**High school structurally sound**

With several surrounding districts recently building new high schools, AHS – which opened in 1955 – is now one of the oldest high schools in the area. “But, to our district’s credit, it is well-maintained and structurally sound. There is not an overcrowding issue,” added Sapelli. One of the key factors the MSBA looks at is determining if a building is outgrowing its capacity.

The MSBA’s rejection is disappointing news to those seeking a new high school. Had the MSBA accepted Agawam’s recent application, the town would have become eligible for funds that could have paid from 31 percent to 80 percent of school construction costs for a new high school.

The bigger impact, however, may be on the plans to relocate the ECC. The ECC requires a larger facility to accommodate additional classrooms as well as to provide private bathrooms and changing rooms for preschool youngsters and an area for teachers to meet with parents.

### A fiscal blow to ECC plans

The MSBA’s decision dealt a fiscal blow to fulfilling those needs at a minimal cost by relocating the ECC to the current high school. Sapelli said he has reconvened the Facility Needs Committee (FNC) that will meet this month to begin reviewing the needs of the ECC as well as what renovation could take place at the high school.

The superintendent said the town is already moving ahead with some renovations at the high school, from redoing the sports track and bleachers to renovating locker rooms to making the auditorium more accessible for those with disabilities. Sapelli said the high school will get some attention in areas where it is deficient, but not everything will be addressed immediately.

“Our number one priority is the early childhood center,” said Sapelli. “The FNC’s primary focus will be on the dire need for an early childhood center – a new early childhood center.”

He cited two main reasons: one is the condition of the present facility and the other is overcrowding. Sapelli added that overcrowded conditions already have forced the district to move two ECC classrooms to the James Clark School.

### MSBA won’t help fund new ECC

Sapelli said later this year the town will likely apply for some type of renovation grant from MSBA for work at the high school. However, since the MSBA doesn’t cover early childhood facilities, he said the town would have to provide all the funds. A new ECC could cost approximately \$4 million.

The last time that Agawam built a new school was more than 40 years ago. The town received MSBA funds to assist in building the junior high school that opened in 1972. Junior high school students had been attending classes at the original high school on Main Street – built in the 1920s – that now serves as the middle school.

“Our number one priority is a new early childhood center.”

William Sapelli,  
Superintendent  
Agawam Public Schools



# Families

## Comedy show to benefit ADOG

The Agawam Dog Owners Group (ADOG) will host a comedy show Saturday, Feb. 8 at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 8 p.m. show. Proceeds will benefit the proposed off-leash recreational park in Agawam.

Four of New England's top comedians will perform. There will also be several raffle items and lots of laughs. Attendees may bring their own snacks, but all drinks must be purchased from the cash bar.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and may be purchased at Southgate Liquors, 842 Suffield St., Agawam (next to Geissler's) or at [www.AgawamDogPark.com](http://www.AgawamDogPark.com). For reservations of six people or more, or for more information, contact Debbi at 374-4684 or Cheryl at 374-8336.

The Agawam Dog Owners Group is a volunteer group created to raise awareness and funds for a fenced in, off-leash dog park where well-behaved canine citizens and their owners can socialize in a clean, safe environment. And where friendly dogs can exercise without endangering or annoying people, property, or wildlife.

The proposed 5-acre park at Shea Field will be developed in phases with the first phase consisting of about two acres thanks to a grant from the Stanton Foundation. Peter Wells of Berkshire Design Group in Northampton will design the future park. ADOG is working on the project in cooperation with the town of Agawam including Mayor Richard A. Cohen and with support from residents and businesses.

## St. John's Travelers to host upcoming trips

The St. John's Travelers have announced the following bus trips, which are open to the public.

A three-day trip to Pennsylvania Dutch Country is scheduled for April 23-25 and will include reserved seats at Sign & Sound for "Moses," the all-new Biblical show, two nights at the Eden Resort in Lancaster, Penn., two full dinners, and more.

Cost is \$399 per person, double occupancy; \$499 per person, single occupancy; and \$389, triple occupancy and includes baggage handling, all taxes and driver gratuity.

A \$50 deposit is due at sign-up with the balance due no later than April 19.

A trip to Myrtle Beach will take place Oct. 4-10 and will include seven days, 11 meals, four shows and oceanfront rooms.

Cost is \$949 per person, double occupancy; \$939 per person, triple occupancy; and \$1,299 per person, single occupancy and includes baggage handling, room taxes and driver and tour guide gratuities.

A deposit of \$100 is due at sign-up with the balance due no later than Sept. 5. Cancellation insurance protection is available.

For more information and reservations for both trips, call Emile Côté at (413) 335-9440.

## ERIN JACKSON, DEREK PERRY EXCHANGE VOWS



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**Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jackson, of Feeding Hills, Roderick Perry, of Plymouth, and Deborah Adams, of Falmouth, are happy to announce the marriage of their children, Erin Jackson and Derek Perry. The ceremony took place June 29, 2013 at the North Beach Club House in Narragansett, R.I. The couple honeymooned for two weeks in Alaska.**

## Tickets on sale for WBOA breakfast

The Women Business Owners Alliance of the Pioneer Valley (WBOA) will hold a breakfast Thursday, Jan. 16 at the Summit View, 555 Northampton St., Holyoke at 7:45 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Mariola Jarzynska, the founder of Body Language By Mariola – BLBM. She is a graduate of UMass Amherst with 20 years of experience in sales and recruiting. Currently, she works for Healthtrax at the East Longmeadow Wellness Center as a membership advisor.

The presentation will focus on interpretation of nonverbal cues and messages we send without speaking. Through de-

coding our facial expressions, eye and body movements as well as our gestures, the audience will learn how to improve their first impression, how to build rapport, how to influence others and even detect deception. The acquired skills can be used not only in a business setting, but in personal life and in any face-to-face interaction with other people.

Tickets for members are \$15 per person in advance, \$20 at the door and \$20 for non-members. To register, visit [connect@wboa.org](mailto:connect@wboa.org).

## Regular School Committee meeting agenda

**Roberta G. Doering School  
68 Main St.  
Tuesday, Jan. 14 – 7 p.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Roll call of attendance
4. Regular meeting – 7 p.m.
5. Organization of School Committee
  - a. Election of officers
6. Citizen's Speak Time:
7. Highlights on Education:
  - a. Video presentation by digital photography class at AHS
8. Superintendent's notes:
9. Student Advisory Committee representative update
10. Unfinished business: None
11. Business meeting:
  - a. Routine matters
    - 1) Approval of Minutes
    - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
  - b. Warrants/Transfers
  - c. Reports:
    - 1). Scheduled reports:
      - AHS Program of Studies – S. Lemanski and S. Schoenberger
    - 2). Subcommittee updates
  12. New business:
    - a. SCR-14-01, Approval of AJHS trip to Washington, D.C. from April 21-24, 2014
    - b. SCR-14-02, Acceptance of \$1,628 donation from McNeill Charitable Foundation to purchase I-Pads for AJHS math classes
  13. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
  14. Adjournment

## Mark Twain — like you've never heard

The Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series 10th season continues Friday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library when the Rosewood Chamber Ensemble presents the "Melodies of Mark Twain," a flute and guitar concert by Barbara Hopkins and Judy Handler performed on historical instruments.

This concert will chronicle Mark Twain's passion for music and follow his life and musical interests from his early days in the South to his final days in Connecticut. Twain was drawn to the spirituals that he heard as a boy, loved Scottish and Irish songs, enjoyed the popular music of his day and later came to appreciate some of the classical composers of the Romantic era.

A special feature of their performance is their use of historical instruments. Handler will play a Martin parlor guitar of the same make and model that Twain owned and played. Hopkins will play period flutes, including her wooden Asa Hopkins flute made in Litchfield, Conn. in the 1830s.

The Rosewood Chamber Ensemble is in its fifth season of entertaining audiences with their programs based on the music and people of the early United States. An appealing element of every concert is the background stories they tell about the periods, historical figures, music, and instruments they use. Their unique blend of musicality, humor, and scholarship and the high quality of their programs has earned them a wide following throughout the region.

The Agawam Public Library is located at 750 Cooper St. and can be reached by phone at (413) 789-1550. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

More information on each of the Applause Series events is



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available at [www.agawamcc.org](http://www.agawamcc.org).

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

## St. Pat's Committee to meet Jan. 15

The Agawam St. Patrick's Committee will meet Wednesday, Jan. 15 in the Father Joyce Room at St. John the Evangelist social center starting at 7 p.m.

The name of the 2014 Citizenship Award recipient will be announced and the Colleen Committee will report on the recent meeting with Colleen hopefuls. The business meeting will precede the committee reports.

The Colleen Pageant/Coronation will take place Sunday, Feb. 9.

## We're apples to oranges





# Obituaries & Church News

## DEATH NOTICES & SERVICES

**Barry, Elizabeth B.**  
Died Jan. 1, 2014  
Private services

**Conley, Mary L.**  
Died Dec. 31, 2013  
Funeral Jan. 9, 2014  
Agawam Funeral Home


**Cupidi, Lawrence P.**  
Died Jan. 5, 2014  
Funeral Jan. 10, 2014  
Toomey-O'Brien  
Funeral Home  
West Springfield

**Hocking, Roger A.**  
Died Jan. 4, 2014  
Funeral Jan. 9, 2014  
Agawam Curran-Jones  
Funeral Home

**Michaud, Dennis M.**  
Died Jan. 2, 2014  
Private burial  
Agawam Funeral Home

**Montgomery, Mary S.**  
Died Dec. 15, 2013  
Highland Park, Ill.

**Pigeon, Andrew**  
Died Dec. 31, 2013  
Memorial Service in  
the spring  
New England Funeral &  
Cremation Center



### MARY S. MONTGOMERY

Mary S. Montgomery, formerly of 502 Meadow St., Agawam, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2013 at Sunrise Assisted Living in Highland Park, Ill. Mary was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Nield A. Montgomery, who died in November 2011 in Las Vegas, Nev. Mary and Nield were both born in Hardwick, Vt. and moved to Agawam in the 1950s. She was employed as a credit supervisor at Sears, Roebuck and Company in West Springfield for many years and later worked at Wesson Women's Hospital in Springfield. Mary leaves two

sons, Nield J. (Linda) of Las Vegas, Nev., and Steven (Susan) Montgomery of Lake Forest, Ill. She was a much-loved Nana to Elizabeth Clark, Nield E. (Kristen) Montgomery, Amy (Ron) Robinson, Kristin Montgomery, Michael Montgomery, Angela (Spencer) Campbell and Douglas Clegg. She was a great-grandmother to Jacob, Emily, Ryan, Nicholas, Aidan, Elsie, Nolan, Matthew Michael, Sawyer and Dexter. Mary was a wonderful Mom and Nana to all of us. She leaves us with many happy memories of shared good times. She was smart, quick-witted, generous, and brought her spunky spirit to any conversation. We will miss you, Nana.

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## Pork supper open to the public

The Agawam Congregational Church will host its annual pork supper Saturday, Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m. Cost for tickets is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door for adults and \$6 for children. Pre-paid tickets are available in the church office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to noon. The menu will include roast pork, roasted potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and butter, homemade applesauce, coffee, tea, milk and dessert. For reservations, call 786-7111. The public is invited.

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Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.  
Weekdays - Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 8 a.m.  
Thursday - Communion Service

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**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Esau's descendants home

5. Fragrant tropical tree resin

10. Selection list

14. A rectangular groove

15. Plant of a clone

16. Three-banded Armadillo

17. Surrounded by

18. Muse of lyric poetry

19. Give a job to

20. Ceremonial staff bearer

22. By way of

23. Bangladesh capital (old sp.)

24. Taxicab registration

27. Consumed

30. Indian legume dish

31. Tire nut

32. Woman (Fr. abbr.)

35. Spider's trap

37. Have already done

38. Picasso's Dora

39. Sousaphones

40. Campaign contributor org.

41. \_\_\_ and Venzetti

42. Oil cartel

43. Angry

44. Chauvinists

45. Bloodshot

46. Swiss river

47. 1/100 of a yen

48. East northeast

49. Adorns

52. Egyptian statesman Anwar

55. Expel

56. Expressed pleasure

60. Assist

61. Jewish folklore legend

63. An unidentified aircraft

64. Singer Nat "King"

65. A level surface

66. Israeli politician

67. Actor Kristoferson

68. Paddled

69. Locomoted

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Mild yellow Dutch cheese

2. Fallow deer genus

3. Of an ode

4. Phone line connector

5. Before

6. Insect stage

7. Electronic communication

8. Relating to metal

9. Japanese Minister Hirobumi

10. Naval historian Alfred Thayer

11. A long narrative poem

12. Drug officer (US slang)

13. Carbamide

21. Park in Northern Spain

23. Canine

25. Hit lightly

26. Indiana Univ. Degree

27. Play performer

28. Hairpiece

29. Pulled away

32. Papier-\_\_\_

33. Georgia city

34. Irregularly notched

36. Ladies' 1st Army branch

37. Begetter

38. Raincoat

40. Conic curve

41. \_\_\_ Claus

43. Family Hominae member

44. Personnel

46. Actor Carney

47. At peace

49. Joyce Carol \_\_\_, US author

50. Of cheekbone

51. A one-edged cavalry sword

52. Potato pouch

53. Town in Ghana

54. Small store

57. Rover

58. Oh, God!

59. Force unit

61. Central mail bureau

62. \_\_\_ student, learns healing

# Seniors

## Agawam Senior Center

### Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Jan. 13: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Tobacco Valley Artist Seminar; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11: 30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:15 p.m., Shingles Seminar; 1 p.m., Bingo; 4 p.m., Tap Class.

Tuesday, Jan. 14: 9 a.m., Exercise, Knitting, Sewing; 10 a.m., Computer Club Meets, PACE; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("Robot & Frank"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance; 6:30 p.m., Evening Sewing Class.

Wednesday, Jan. 15: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 Meeting.

Thursday, Jan. 16: 8 a.m., Foot Nurses (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art Class; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6 p.m., Genealogy Computer Class; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Jan. 17: 9:15 a.m., Oil Painting; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; 11:15 a.m., Yoga; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage.

### Lunch menu

Monday, Jan. 13: Baked ham, roasted sweet potatoes, peas, oranges.

Tuesday, Jan. 14: Chicken tetrazzini over egg noodles, mixed vegetables, mandarin orange.

Wednesday, Jan 15: French meat pie, green beans, mashed potatoes, baked good.

Thursday, Jan. 16: Beef stew, mixed vegetables, garden salad, pudding.

Friday, Jan. 17: Linguini with red clam sauce, tomato, cucumber salad, pineapples.

## Senior Center to host Valentine Dinner Dance

The Friends of the Agawam Senior Center will host a Valentine Dinner Dance, Friday, Feb. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. Music will be provided by Richie Mitnick.

Dinner will include apple cranberry stuffed chicken breast, rice pilaf, salad, mixed vegetables, rolls and butter, coffee, tea and strawberry shortcake.

Cost is \$15 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Emile Coté at 335-9440 or JoAnn Balakier at 789-0451.

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## Notes from the Music Room

By Darcy Davis

Many thoughts ran through my mind as I watched the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day. I have watched many of them over the years and have quite a few videotapes of them.

The floats made of flowers or live material are fantastic and the bands are exceptional. This was the 125th parade, titled "Dreams Come True" and it highlighted many American achievements, with the first one being an impressive Model T Ford. Another float represented the Lindberg flight in 1927 as well as a "Swing Band" float to represent 1943 and World War II and then one with the "break dancing" of some years later.

The grand marshal was Vince Scully, the voice of the Dodgers baseball team, which brought back to mind the loss of our own Carl Beane, the voice of the Red Sox for many years.

A Boy Scout or Girl Scout served to lead each float or unit. A train float 274-feet long broke the record as the longest one ever and then came a Marine band with 150 members, a combination of the three West Coast units.

I will continue in the next few weeks with more comments on the parade.

## Public Safety

### POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 250 calls from Dec. 31 to Jan. 6. The department made two arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

**Tuesday, Dec. 31**  
Nelson Irizarry, 48, of 873 Springfield St., Apt. 3, Agawam, was arrested on a warrant.

**Saturday, Jan. 4**  
Nicholas Anton, 21, of 22 S. Florida

### FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department EMS call and fire/emergency response log for the week of Dec. 31 to Jan. 6 was not made available at presstime.

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# Snapshots of winter life

We sent our roving photographer, Kimberly Hatch, around town last weekend following two days of heavy snowfall to capture the calm after the winter storm. Do you have your own seasonal photos to share? Send images to *Agawam Advertiser News* Editor Jennifer at [jwroblewski@turley.com](mailto:jwroblewski@turley.com). Be sure to include the names of all individuals pictured.

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by Kimberly Hatch



Kris LaBelle, of Agawam, snowshoes through School Street Park Saturday.



Nancy Jawitz walks her dog, Josie, down Greenacre Lane in Agawam, Saturday.



Al Desnarais snowblows the embankment alongside his Agawam home on Rowley Street.



The bright sun peeks through barren trees at Perry Lane Park in Agawam, Saturday.



Mike Scantlen shovels his Valentine Street driveway.



Large icicles reach down from the roof of Benjamin J. Phelps Elementary School in Agawam.





# SPORTS

## Terriers rally to overtake Brownies

*Comp, West Side topple girls*

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam boys basketball team dropped a tough decision last Monday night that dipped them below .500 for the first time this season as rival West Springfield beat the Brownies 73-65.

Agawam had a huge lead early in the game against the Terriers, who were 2-1 heading into the game.

Agawam was in cruise control leading 27-12 before West Springfield was able to come through with a huge second quarter and shut down Agawam's offense effectively.

The Brownies went from an early 15-point lead to just a 35-34 lead at halftime.

After the break, West Springfield kept the momentum going and Agawam played just well enough to keep up as the two teams headed to the fourth quarter deadlocked 50-50.

West Springfield was able to sink a few more key shots late in the fourth quarter to pull ahead at the end, and succeeded from the free throw line when they needed to get the victory.

Agawam got better performances from their two top scorers. Tyler Desrosiers scored 30 points. He nailed seven 3-pointers to help the Brownies. Talon Brown continues to impress in his first season with Agawam. He scored 19 points for Agawam. He made four 3-pointers.

T.J. Lockwood added six points for the Brownies.

Agawam was scheduled to travel to Chicopee Comp on Tuesday night and next host South Hadley Friday at 7 p.m. Agawam did not lose any games to last week's snowstorms.

The girls basketball team suffered a pair of setbacks in the past week. The Brownies lost to Chicopee Comp and West Springfield in consecutive games. A game with Chicopee was postponed last Friday night. It was scheduled to be made up on Jan. 7.

On Monday night, Agawam was defeated by Comp 48-28.

Offense was the biggest problem for the Brownies as they were limited to just six points in each of the first two quarters. Meanwhile, Comp put up much better numbers and had a 29-12 lead going into halftime.

The defense kept getting better for Comp and Agawam was held  
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Turley Publications photos by David Henry sweetdogphotos.com  
**Agawam's Talon Brown (2) tries to reach up and grab control of the ball.**



**Agawam's Nick Destefano (13) shoots a short jumper.**

## Veteran Brownies remain perfect

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam High School hockey team is a perfect 6-0 this season and coach Rich Feeley said his team is "ahead of the curve."

"We have a pretty aggressive schedule this season," said Feeley. "With the Berry games in addition to the independent games we put on the schedule."

Agawam is coming off two more wins in the past week, trouncing all over rival West Springfield, 9-1, and scoring a 3-0 shutout of Auburn.

Feeley says a great veteran presence has been the key to Agawam making a seamless transition from Division 3A to Division 3. They are the reason Agawam has six wins, including four in the Berry Division.

"Twelve of our 23 members of our varsity team are seniors," said Feeley. "We felt the experience could benefit. That being said, the kids have done a nice job pushing themselves both on and off the ice. This has allowed our team's learning 'curve' to be further along this year than in past years. We certainly have work to do, but the kids have put themselves in a position to have some fun in addition to working hard."

Agawam also has continued to build great depth. Feeley said 46  
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Turley Publications photos by Gregory A. Scibelli  
**Cam Rivest tries to break away from the Auburn defense.**



**Agawam and Auburn struggle for control in the second period. Agawam eventually defeated Auburn 3-0 last Saturday.**

## Agawam takes three at Eagle Duals

**By Gregory A. Scibelli**  
Turley Publications  
Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam wrestling team improved to 5-2 in dual meets this season after winning three of four meets at the Eagle Duals event at Franklin Tech last Saturday.

The Brownies are flying along as they are doing an excellent job this season. So far, the Brownies have not lost a dual meet against any team from Western Massachusetts.

Their only losses so far have been against Lincoln-Sudbury and Franklin High School.

At the Franklin Tech duals, Agawam defeated Franklin Tech, Holliston, and Mount Greylock.

Agawam had to work hard in each meet, but had a couple of big wins over Franklin Tech 52-21 and Mount Greylock 53-21. Agawam squeaked past Holliston 44-30. Franklin got past Agawam 39-24.

The Brownies have been winning a majority of their meets when they are scheduled for more than one. They also captured their own Phil Tomkiel Holiday Tournament.

The early success will help Agawam as they prepare to start getting into one-on-one dual meets, which was set to begin last night.

Agawam was scheduled to meet Westfield in their first league meet

of the season. It was to be one of two trips the Brownies were making to Westfield this week. Agawam goes against Westfield before facing three or four other teams in the Westfield duals event coming up this weekend.

Agawam will finally have a home dual meet on Wednesday, Jan. 15 when they host Northampton. Agawam will also face Ludlow the following week before spending more time on the road. In individual action, Agawam will participate in the Woburn Invitational on Jan. 18.

Coach Armondo Ramos said the large number of dual meets early in the season for Agawam is a tribute to the great experience he has on his team. He says most teams do not get involved in having two or three meets in a day because of lack of depth.

Agawam boasts a great deal of junior and senior experience, especially with eight grapplers that made it to the finals of the Phil Tomkiel Tournament. The Brownies are especially strong at the heavier weight classes with Fred Karl-Morin at 195 pounds, Nick Blais at 220 pounds, and Nick Hope at 285 pounds.

The Brownies also have Brennen Liebel at 113 pounds. Liebel is having an excellent season as he pursues a Western Mass. championship in his weight class.



# The ups and downs of cross-country skiing

We were teased just before winter officially began with a bounty of beautiful snow to ski on, which then quickly evaporated into a sad, mushy soup during a week of Florida-like temperatures. Things looked bleak heading into the New Year with just frozen dead, brown grass to gaze at while our skis collected dust. Then, Old Man Winter showed up.

Last week's snowstorm put a big smile - albeit a temporary one - on all cross-country skiing aficionados who yearn for a strong base of six inches or more with a frozen permafrost underneath. And if you don't have enough base or set tracks in your own backwoods or town recreation areas, this column will help you find a Nordic ski touring center only 60-90 minutes away where you can rent equipment, take lessons and ski atop professionally groomed trails for all abilities. I will be featuring some of these centers as winter progresses - that is when we receive a little more snow, given it all was eaten by fog and rain on Monday. I call it global climate change meets the new ice age (they are actually interrelated events...)

My so-called "early season" this December consisted of four really sweet skis directly behind my home on state conservation/hunting land. Yes, I wear bright colors for safety and don't ski in the dark. Always helpful to carry a jinglebell or whistle, too. This special place is my personal paradise and a major reason why we bought our home. We literally walk from our backyard into a 1,000-acre oasis of various ecosystem habitats, series of beaver ponds, ridges, peaks and valleys scat-

## NORDIC NOMAD

tered along a vast old cart and fire road trail network. Over the years I have learned how to kick off trail and do back-country here by making my own trails through these woods. You need a good GPS device for that exploration, however.

It's good to take a break from skiing behind my home every now and then. There are a bevy of professionally groomed Nordic ski centers scattered throughout western Mass. (<http://xcskimass.com/>) and on the border with Vermont and New Hampshire. As of presstime, most were closed but still had a thin base of frozen snow. We just need a little more snow, dearest Mother Nature.

Total snowfall locally this season so far: 18-22 inches and counting.... Think snow.

To learn more about Nordic skiing adventures and conditions all winter long, please visit this Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/pages/Nordic-Nomad](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Nordic-Nomad) or . <http://xcskimass.com/>.



Turley Publications photos  
Various scenes from Nordic Nomad's recent BXCing adventures.

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players tried out for the team, placing 23 players on the junior varsity team.

"It was one of the largest turnouts in the area," said Feeley.

Agawam used their depth to shut out Auburn 3-0 last Saturday afternoon at Olympia Ice Center. The Brownies scored twice in the second period, starting with a Bobby Koziol goal.

Eric Kierkla circled the net with the puck and made a tip off to Koziol, who was in front of the net. Koziol was able to squeeze the puck in for a goal to make it 1-0.

Later in the period, Agawam tacked on another goal and led 2-0 at the end of two periods. Agawam outshot Auburn 33-20.

The Brownies would add on another goal in the third period to back another great effort by the Agawam defense and a another shutout effort from goalie Chris Walles, who

made 20 saves.

John Cowell and Alex Abilantis had the other two goals for Agawam.

Against West Springfield in a mid-day affair at the MassMutual Center last Sunday, Agawam shined in the limelight, with eight different players scoring for Agawam. Billy Wysocki had two goals for Agawam. Cam Rivest had a goal and two assists. Walles saved 19 of 20 shots for the win.

Agawam's defense has been a huge focal point so far this season. In 18 periods of hockey, Agawam has allowed two goals.

Agawam faces East Longmeadow on Saturday at 8 p.m.

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Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli  
Agawam's Alex Abilantis is tripped up trying to shoot the puck.

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to single digits again in the second half.

Danielle Stratton would lead the Brownies with eight points. Becca Uschmann would add six points in the loss.

Prior to the new year, Agawam was also defeated by the Terriers 49-32. The Brownies waited until the fourth quarter to get their offense going. By that point, it was too late to come back.

Margaret Frawley had a great game for the Brownies with 15 points. She sank five 3-pointers. Christie Mirski scored eight points.

Agawam is 2-4 now and will be scheduled to play Thursday against Northampton at 7 p.m.

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Agawam's Matt Catjakis (25) eyes the basket as he gets ready to shoot.

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Our academic program also continues to grow as we move towards the State of Massachusetts Common Core

curriculum standards. Our vibrant foreign language program (Spanish) is offered to all Preschool through grade 8 students and gives Blessed Sacrament School added educational value. Our new Science teacher has emphasized the use of the Scientific method with lab experiments she has had her students perform, which has spurred their interest in Science. These implementations and curriculum developments continue our mission of “providing a high standard of excellence in education” for our students.

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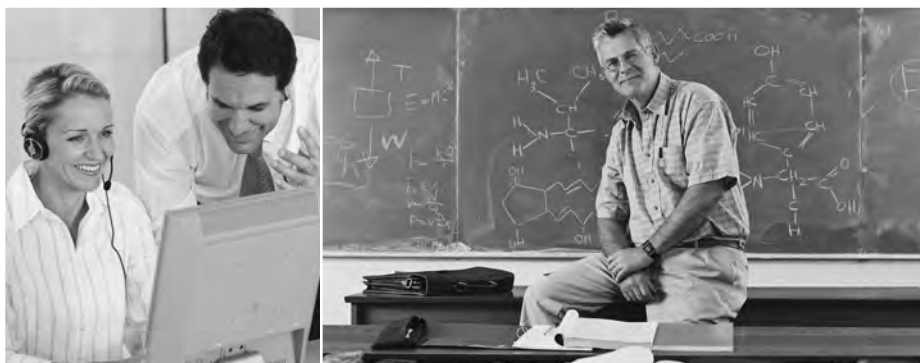


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# Legal Notices

AGAWAM ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT  
December 17, 2013

Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at the Agawam Public Library Conference Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on **Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:30 PM** for all parties interested in the appeal of the Christina Maguire, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-7, Paragraph B(2) of the Town of Agawam's Zoning Ordinances to allow for the enlargement of a lot found to be nonconforming at the premises identified as 19 Alhambra Circle South.

**Doreen Prouty**  
Chairperson  
Agawam Board of Appeals  
1/9,1/16/13

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Hampden Division  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413)748-8600**  
**Docket No. HD13P2448EA**  
**Estate of:  
Phyllis L. Catchepaugh**  
**Date of Death:**

November 15, 2013  
INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Karen L. Clune** of East Longmeadow MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

**Karen L. Clune** of East Longmeadow MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
Docket No.  
HD86P0432GR2**  
**Estate of: Fira Depopolo**  
**CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE**

To all interested persons:  
A Petition has been filed by: **John L. Roberts** of

Longmeadow, in the County of Hampden, conservator of the estate of **Fira Depopolo** of Westfield, formerly of Agawam, in said County, a protected person requesting that an order of Complete Settlement of the estate issue and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on January 28, 2014.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: December 31, 2013  
**Suzanne T Seguin**  
Register of Probate

1/9/14

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Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.



# Out & About

*OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote "free" events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at [aan@turlley.com](mailto:aan@turlley.com), fax to 786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.*

## Sunday, Jan. 12

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Jim Boone, focusing on "Bicycles/Motorcycles/Airplanes." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

## Tuesday, Jan. 14

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie ("Robot & Frank") at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration is necessary.

## Thursday, Jan. 16

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "One Hundred Years of Jewish Live in the Valley: From Shtetl to Suburb" featuring Dr. Stuart A. Anfang, guest curator, at 12:15 p.m. in the Museum of Fine Arts, at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver, meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30 to 11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email [jbrownacc@verizon.net](mailto:jbrownacc@verizon.net).

## UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND will be open Monday, Jan. 20 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. for the Martin Luther King holiday. Rides are just \$2 each or 6 for \$10. For more information, visit [www.holyokemerrygoround.org](http://www.holyokemerrygoround.org).

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will host a community blood drive Wednesday,

## ROBOTICS TEAMS TAKE GOLDEN TICKETS



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**Two teams from Agawam were awarded a Golden Ticket Dec. 14 at the FIRST LEGO League Qualifier Tournament held in Agawam. The No Named Ninjas and the Brick Heads advanced to RoboNautica 13, the Massachusetts FIRST LEGO League Championship Tournament held at Worcester Polytechnic Institute Dec. 21. Pictured here, FIRST Senior Mentor/Co-Founder Dana Henry, Coaches Billy Bessette, Ali Bessette, Ed Smith, and Kristen Smith stand proudly with their teams.**

Jan. 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Agawam Corporate Center, 67 Hunt St. All presenting donors in January will receive a coupon for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee. To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will host a community blood drive Friday, Jan. 24 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Dept., 800 Main St. All presenting donors in January will receive a coupon for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee. To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

ADULT DROP-IN YOGA is offered at the Agawam Public Library Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. It is a beginner's class and open to adults 18 and over. Bring a yoga mat or blanket. No registration needed.

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will host a community blood drive Thursday, Jan. 30 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St. All presenting donors in January will receive a coupon for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee. To make an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

A CARD, COIN AND MEMORABILIA SHOW will be held Sunday, Feb. 2 from

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is \$1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERT scheduled for Feb. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature Teri Lafleur, soprano; Lisa Woods, mezzo-soprano; and Miguel Campinho, piano. Free refreshments are provided after the performances. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or John Karalekas, TMMC president, Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield 01138.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, Feb. 12 at a cost of \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR CAMPER may be worth more as a donation than a trade-in. Call the Massachusetts Association for the Blind at (888) 613-2777 for more information. Towing is free. All donations are tax deductible.

## Arts

## TVAA to meet Jan. 15

The January meeting of the Tobacco Valley Artists Association (TVAA) will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St.

Demonstrator for the evening is Mary Rozman, of Windsor Locks, Conn., who will showcase negative painting with water-based oils. She is an award-winning multi-media artist, a member of various art organizations and is gallery manager of Affordable Framing and Gallery in Windsor Locks, where she offers art instruction.

The public is welcome.

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written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 31, 2013

Suzanne T Seguin  
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Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

Docket No.  
HD86P0432GR2

In the Interests of:  
Fira Depopolo  
Of: Westfield, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Incapacitated Person/  
Protected Person  
CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR TERMINATION OF  
A CONSERVATOR  
To the named Respond-

ent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by: **John L. Roberts** of Springfield, MA in the above captioned matter requesting that the court: Terminate the Conservatorship

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 a.m. on the return date of 01/28/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating

the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 31, 2013

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COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE &  
FAMILY COURT  
HAMPDEN, Div.

To all persons interested in the Fira Depopolo Special

Needs Trust.

A petition has been presented to said Court by **John L. Roberts** of Longmeadow, in said County, trustee of said Fira Depopolo Special Needs Trust, dated March 6, 2009, praying for an order terminating said trust; all as more fully set forth in said petition.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-eighth day of January 2014, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ANNE M. GEOFFRION Esquire, First Justice of said Court this thirty-first day of December 2013.

Suzanne T Seguin  
Register

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Commonwealth of  
Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Hampden Probate and  
Family Court  
50 State Street  
Springfield, MA 01103

(413)748-7758  
Docket No. HD13P2474EA  
Estate of: Bruce T Harvey  
Date of Death: 11/04/2013  
CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by: **Stephen Harvey** of Jacksonville FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that: **Stephen Harvey** of Jacksonville FL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 01/24/2014

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which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Anne M Geoffrion, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 27, 2013

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# In the Classroom

## Agawam Schools' weekly lunch menu

### AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

### AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 13: Popcorn chicken bites with assorted dipping sauce, steamed white rice, peas, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 14: Belgian waffle sticks with syrup, baked potato rounds, sausage links, applesauce, orange juice.

Wednesday, Jan. 15: Roasted chicken with gravy over mashed potatoes, dinner roll, corn, fresh and chilled fruit, Dixie Cup.

Thursday, Jan. 16: Ultra-grain cheese pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Jan. 17: Manager's choice.

### ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL

Monday, Jan. 13: Popcorn chicken bites with assorted dipping sauce, steamed white rice, peas, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 14: Belgian waffle sticks with syrup, baked potato rounds, sausage links, applesauce, orange juice.

Wednesday, Jan. 15: Nachos basket with the works, steamed white rice, corn, fresh and chilled fruit, corn muffin.

Thursday, Jan. 16: Ultra-grain cheese pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Jan. 17: Ham and cheese grinder, pretzels, baby carrots, juice box, Fruit Snack Roll-up.

### AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, Jan. 13: Popcorn chicken bites with assorted dipping sauce, steamed white rice, peas, fresh and chilled fruit.

Tuesday, Jan. 14: Mini pancakes with syrup, baked potato rounds, sausage links, applesauce, orange juice.

Wednesday, Jan. 15: Nachos basket with the works, steamed white rice, corn, fresh and chilled fruit, corn muffin.

Thursday, Jan. 16: Ultra-grain cheese pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.

Friday, Jan. 17: Shaved ham and cheese on whole-wheat bread, pretzels, baby carrots, juice box, Fruit Snack Roll-up.

## Breault attains honors

WINDSOR, Conn. – Erica Breault, a junior from Agawam, was named to the honor roll for the fall term at The Loomis Chaffee School.



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## Area business personnel speak at career day



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**Pictured (from left) Agawam School Superintendent William Sapelli, Marisa Masciadrelli, guidance; Lisa Sheehan, career center; Mayor Richard A. Cohen, and Alan Rogers, educational committee chairperson of the West of the River Chamber of Commerce.**

AGAWAM — The West of the River Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Agawam Public Schools, held its annual Career Speaker Day for 8th graders at Agawam Junior High School, Thursday, Dec. 5. Over 300 students participated in the program along with 25 guest speakers.

Each speaker addressed a classroom of up to 15 students on a rotating basis throughout the morning. Those speakers included representatives from the U.S. Marshall's office; Easthampton Savings Bank; Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative; O'Connell, Flaherty & Attmore; HSB Global Standards; Agawam Fire Department; Agawam Police Department; Turley Publications Inc./Agawam Advertiser News; OMG, Inc.; Perfect Sound Company; Baystate Health Systems; Nova Care Rehabilitation; Partners Restaurant; Springfield Falcons; Flowers by

Webster; B & E Precision Aircraft Components; Massachusetts State Police; and Six Flags New England.

A wide range of occupations and vocations were represented in the career presentations, including attorneys, law enforcement, pharmacists and communications professionals. The purpose of the career speakers day was to give students an idea for future jobs available in the area and also allow students to discuss the curriculum needed to fill the jobs and availability of internships.

Alan Rogers, education committee chairperson for the Chamber, was emcee of the morning event prior to students visiting the various classrooms. Also present were Mayor Richard A. Cohen, school Superintendent William Sapelli, and Junior High School Principal Norman Robbins.

## Kindergarten readiness program open to area parents

The Agawam Family and Community Program will sponsor "Keys to Kindergarten," Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

The public is invited to join Teresa Urbani, principal of Benjamin Phelps School, along with members of the Agawam kindergarten staff, to discuss the myths and realities of what kindergarten readiness means.

This event is designed for Agawam fam-

ilies with children that will be 5 years old prior

to Sept. 1. This is an informational night only and kindergarten registrations will not be accepted.

For more information, call Michelle Connery, outreach coordinator, at (413) 821-0597 or email agawamfamilyandcommunityprog@yahoo.com. Find them on Facebook.

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